

1 SENATE BILL 236

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ENACTING THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY  
12 RESEARCH GRANT ACT; CREATING THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH  
13 GRANT PROGRAM AT THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING  
14 DEPARTMENT DUTIES; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE RESEARCH  
15 GRANTS; CREATING THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT FUND;  
16 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

19 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is  
20 enacted to read:

21 "[NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the  
22 "University Faculty Research Grant Act"."

23 SECTION 2. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is  
24 enacted to read:

25 "[NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS.--As used in the University

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1 Faculty Research Grant Act, "department" means the higher  
2 education department."

3 SECTION 3. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is  
4 enacted to read:

5 "[NEW MATERIAL] UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT  
6 PROGRAM--CREATED--OVERSIGHT.--

7 A. The "university faculty research grant program"  
8 is created in the department.

9 B. The department shall:

10 (1) establish and publish deadlines and  
11 guidelines for the submission of grant applications;

12 (2) develop procedures for receipt, review and  
13 approval of grant applications;

14 (3) receive, review and approve grant  
15 applications;

16 (4) award grants to universities to assist  
17 faculty research and provide funding for laboratory equipment  
18 and any other necessary items to assist in faculty research;

19 (5) monitor universities' use of grant money  
20 by reviewing annual reports submitted by those universities to  
21 the department to ensure that grants are used consistently with  
22 the universities' grant applications; and

23 (6) perform other duties as necessary to carry  
24 out the provisions of the University Faculty Research Grant  
25 Act."

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1           SECTION 4. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is  
2 enacted to read:

3           "[NEW MATERIAL] GRANT APPLICATIONS--GRANT RECIPIENTS--  
4 REQUIREMENTS.--

5           A. A university may submit an application to the  
6 department for a university faculty research grant. An  
7 applying university shall comply with deadlines and guidelines  
8 published by the department. A university faculty research  
9 grant application shall include a statement of:

10                       (1) the amount of money that the university  
11 has already allocated for the research;

12                       (2) the amount of grant money that the  
13 university requests and a list of items and costs for the  
14 proposed research; and

15                       (3) the university's purpose for the grant  
16 money and what goals the university wants to accomplish.

17           B. During the time that a university is using  
18 university faculty research grant money, the university shall  
19 report annually to the department. The report shall include:

20                       (1) the name and title of each research  
21 faculty member and the department within the university where  
22 each research faculty member is using the grant money; and

23                       (2) detailed information about each research  
24 faculty member's role and contributions to the research being  
25 accomplished."

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